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Sir

**RE: International Patent Application No. PCT/AU03/01410
ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR BUILDINGS
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We thank the Examiner Soosa Gnanasingham for the First Written Opinion on the above PCT Patent Application.

The Examiner has cited US 4815984 and US 5501605 as disclosing all the essential integers of the independent claims.

It is submitted that these citations cannot disclose the features of the instant invention because of a do not disclose "a mains electrical power wiring assembly". Each of these documents discloses a wiring harness assembly for use in a motor vehicle. Therefore they certainly cannot disclose "a plurality of such female outlet sockets which are arranged to be located at spaced apart locations throughout a building" as required by claim 1 of the present application.

Automotive electrical systems are inherently direct current low voltage systems. Mains electrical power systems are high voltage alternating current system. Disclosure of a automotive wiring harness cannot be seen as threatening the novelty of a building wiring system.

Considering the issue of inventive step it is unlikely that the non inventive person skilled in the art of building wiring would seek solutions in the field of automotive wiring. There is no commonality among the tradespeople in the two fields. The strict regulatory and safety regimes operating in the field of mains electrical wiring have no equivalent in the field of automotive wiring. Practices which are acceptable in low voltage DC wiring could be fatally dangerous if employed in building wiring.

Accordingly we would ask that the citations be withdrawn and that a clear opinion should issue.

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